

It's *all* about
Jesus.

All things were created through Him and for Him. Col 1:16

The Seven "I Am's"

Part Four

I Am the Good Shepherd!
John 10:11-18



“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd sacrifices his life for the sheep. A hired hand will run when he sees a wolf coming. He will abandon the sheep because they don’t belong to him and he isn’t their shepherd. And so the wolf attacks them and scatters the flock. The hired hand runs away because he’s working only for the money and doesn’t really care about the sheep.

“I am the good shepherd; I know my own sheep, and they know me, just as my Father knows me and I know the Father. So I sacrifice my life for the sheep.”

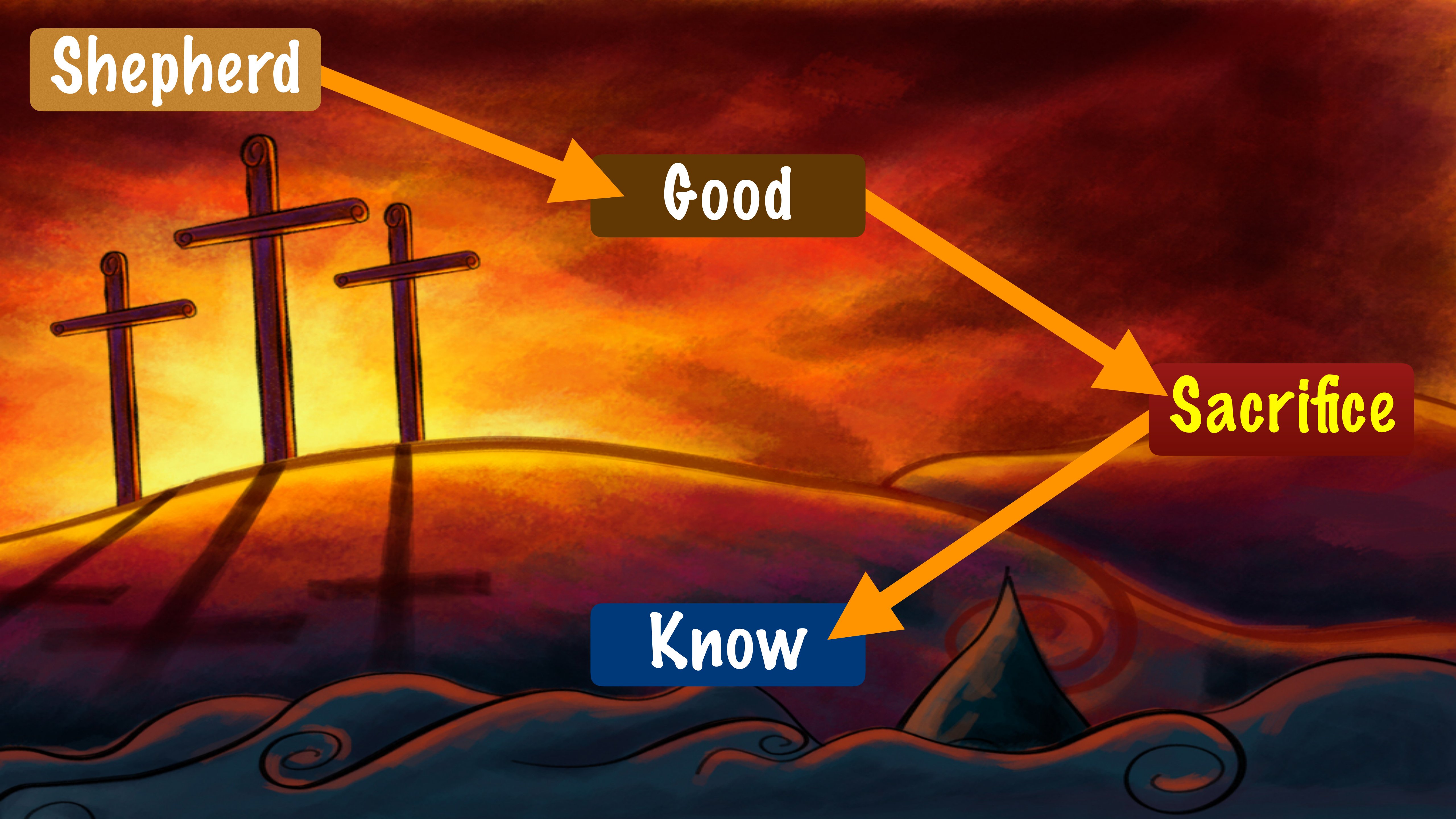


Shepherd

Good

Sacrifice

Know



Shepherd

Sheep are . . .



Utterly defenseless

Totally dependent

In need of care

Prone to wander

Good

Because of His genuine love and concern for the sheep.

Greek word *kalos* translated “good” describes that which is noble, wholesome, good, and beautiful.



The “hired hand” - runs from trouble and abandons the sheep to wolves because he doesn’t really care about the sheep. The Good Shepherd runs toward the threat and rescues His sheep because He cares for them.

Sacrifice

The good shepherd sacrifices his life for the sheep . . . So I sacrifice my life for the sheep.



He purchased His sheep! Gal. 3:13

And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. Col. 2:13, 14

To Know

ginosko = To learn to know, come to know. An intimate relationship between God and His people. Jn. 17:3

The perfectly intimate relationship between the Father and the Son is the model for the relationship between the Shepherd and His sheep.

